EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2, the Board of Educational Examiners hereby amends Chapter 12, "Fees," Iowa Administrative Code.

The changes in this new rule are needed to inform applicants about the processes that will be put in place in the Board office. For some time now, the staff has had difficulty determining when to close an application if an applicant has not completed the application process. This rule clearly spells out the procedures.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on November 3, 2010, as **ARC 9203B**. A public hearing on the amendment was held on Wednesday, November 24, 2010. No one attended the public hearing, and no written comments were received. This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.

This amendment will become effective March 30, 2011.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following **new** rule 282—12.9(272):

282—12.9(272) Retention of incomplete applications.

12.9(1) Timeline for complete application materials to be submitted. Upon receipt of an incomplete application, the executive director will send a letter of deficiencies to the applicant stipulating that complete application materials must be submitted to the board office within 45 days of the date the letter is received. If the materials are not received within that timeline, the application process will be closed. If the applicant submits information after the 45-day deadline, the application process requires submission of a complete set of application materials and fees, including late fees if applicable, for practicing with an expired license, without the proper endorsement, or without an Iowa board-issued license.

- **12.9(2)** *Background check.* The background check fee will be valid for one year. If a license is not issued within one year of a completed background check, the background check shall be considered void.
- **12.9(3)** *Timeline for audited online renewals.* Upon receipt of notification that the online renewal application has been audited, the applicant shall have 45 days to submit the official transcripts and mandatory reporter verification to the board office. If the materials are not received within that timeline, the applicant will be notified that the application process is closed. If the applicant submits information after the 45-day deadline, the application process requires submission of a complete set of application materials and fees. If the license expires during the 45-day deadline and the applicant is teaching, the school district will be notified that the applicant's license is expired and the individual shall not continue teaching until the complete application materials are submitted to the board office.
- **12.9(4)** Request for additional time. If the applicant is not able to submit the application materials within the 45-day deadline, the applicant may contact the executive director with a request for additional time. The applicant must submit verification as to the need for the additional time. The executive director will review the request and provide a written decision either approving or denying the request.

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